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The death penalty has been abolished in France and crime of the most atrocious character has been steadily and rapidly increasing there ever since. In consequence there is a loud demand for the re-establishment of the penalty. The criminal classes in any country yield only to fear and superior force.

State Superintendent Holloway, who has just returned to Tallahassee from a tour of school inspection over the State, reports the schools in better condition than ever before at this period of the year since he has been in office. There are 2,500 teachers in the various schools, an army of good men and women working in a glorious cause.

No national convention of either of the great parties has ever been held in Denver, and we are glad that that city has been selected as the place for holding the National Democratic convention next year. It is a beautiful city in a glorious country full of splendid people, and our Democratic luck may change when we start the campaign from that point.

Live Oak, following the example of Ocala, is to have a "coming-out convention" for candidates, and it will be held early in January. We presume this is to give those candidates who were not present at Ocala an opportunity to say their little pieces to the people, and from present indications the candidates will be multitudinous in Live Oak on the day set.—Madison New Enterprise.

It is significant testimony to the great change which has taken place in the relations of Senator Bailey to the people of Texas that a popular movement has been organized out there to prevent his selection as a delegate to the National Democratic convention. Bailey wants to go, but a large part of the Texas Democracy, perhaps a majority, believe him to be an exposed grafter unworthy to represent them in the Convention.

The Fort Meade Observer has a good opinion of the Democrat, and kindly says:

"The Live Oak Democrat comes regularly to our desk, bright and clear like June morning. It stands a peer among newspapers in the State; its mechanical make-up, its moral tone, and its conservative policy, make it valuable to every citizen in the State, and to its home interests in particular."

One of the particularly noteworthy acts of the Methodist Conference just adjourned at Tampa was the formal initiative taken to raise an endowment of \$125,000 for Southern College, the Methodist institution for higher learning in this State, located at Sutherland. The college is doing excellent work, but its capacity for good is greatly restricted by its limited financial resources.

Boys with hats on the back of their heads and long hair hanging down their foreheads and cigarettes and smutty stories in their mouths, are cheaper than old, worn-out horses. Nobody wants them at any price. Men will not employ them. They are not worth their keeping to anybody and they will not keep themselves. If any boy happens to read this, answers this description, let him take a look at himself and do what his conscience says is best.—Washington Star.

Senator Mallory has served his people in Washington with so much fidelity and credit to himself and his State, that there will be general and genuine regret at the news which comes from Pensacola that his illness is of such a serious character. Senator Mallory is a candidate for re-election, and there is something almost fascinating in the dignified silence which envelopes his candidacy like an atmosphere and which has probably gained him more supporters than if he had had a press agent and resorted to the usual style of campaigning.

A BUSY CONGRESSMAN.

Doubtless no Congressman from Florida or any other State has been doing more to earn his salary in Washington since Congress convened than Hon. Frank Clark from this district. He has introduced seven bills, all good ones, it seems to us, and their titles are as follows:

H. R. 469. A bill to transfer the county of Alachua from the Southern judicial district of the state of Florida to the Northern judicial district of said state.

H. R. 470. A bill to require the secretary of agriculture to make monthly reports as to Sea Island or long-staple cotton, pineapple and orange crops.

H. R. 471. A bill to prohibit internal revenue officers from receiving special taxes from any person, firm or corporation, for the carrying on of the business of a brewer, manufacturer of stills, rectifier or distilled spirits, wholesale or retail dealer in spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors, until such person, firm or corporation shall exhibit to such internal revenue officer a license or other evidence from the local authorities that such person, firm or corporation is authorized to carry on said business.

H. R. 472. A bill to provide for the refunding to the rightful owners, their heirs or legal representatives, the proceeds of the cotton tax illegally collected by the United States from the people of the several states in the years 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867 and 1868, and to provide for the disposition of such as may be unclaimed. Also, a resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to furnish information bearing on the subject.

H. R. 475. A bill to extend to the veterans of the several Seminole Indian wars and to the widows of the veterans of the several Seminole Indian wars the benefits of the act of congress of February 6, 1907.

H. R. 476. A bill granting pensions to the soldiers of the different Seminole Indian wars and their widows.

H. R. 477. A bill to extend the provisions of the existing bounty-land laws to the officers and enlisted men, and the officers and men of the boat companies, of the Florida Seminole Indian war.

Hon. Park Trammell has done a sensible thing in withdrawing from the senatorial contest. There were too many candidates to give him much chance of success, and he being not rich in worldly goods, the heavy expense of the campaign would not as a sound business proposition justify him in taking the risk. Mr. Trammell is quite a young man—some people think too young to seek an office that should go to a seasoned veteran—and there is plenty of time for him in the future to go after senatorial honors. He has ability and character and high ambition, but having done much office holding thus far, his chances for preferment will be much better hereafter with an interval of private life intervening. The people resent it in a young man when he is too impetuous as an office seeker, and when he takes a voluntary lay-off it is all the better for his prospects. Mr. Trammell has a fine future before him in the political field, and we feel sure that he has helped that future by his action in this case. He has also relieved his friend, the Governor, of considerable embarrassment, and that gentleman can now back up his other friend, Mr. Bryan, to the full extent of his power.

Since revolutionary days in this country, and even before, Virginians have had a habit of leading in great American enterprises where the personal equation counted most and the stake was nobler than mere sordid gain. It is a Virginian who is today standing on the quarterdeck of his flagship and leading the advance of the greatest naval movement in American history as admiral in command of the biggest fleet of American battleships ever assembled. Fighting Bob Evans is a son of the Old Dominion and in every drop of his fighting blood he is typical of the brave and generous commonwealth that gave him birth. Virginia has her faults like other mundane institutions, but as compared with her shining virtues, they are as spots on the sun.

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A GREAT BISHOP.

Among all the great churchmen of America, Bishop Galloway, now presiding over the Methodist Conference at Tampa, is one of our special favorites. To deep and genuine piety he adds very strong native ability, highly cultivated, a mind cast in a large mould, and rare courage and force of character. His refinement and polish are most fascinating and as a pulpit orator he stands in the very front rank. And no iron-bound bigot is he, who would crucify you for a difference of opinion, but, on the contrary, he throws the mantle of a broad and noble charity over his weak and erring fellows, and while he makes no compromise with sin or vice, he knows that the world must be led, not driven, into the ways of salvation. Feeling toward this great and good man as we do, we take pleasure in reproducing from the Tampa Times the following tribute to his personality:

"One never tires listening to Bishop Galloway, recognized, as he is, as being the most eloquent and among the most learned of all our bishops. He says nothing amiss, but his words are mighty, his ideas new and original, his manner of gesticulation graceful and very forceful. He is a man of little more than medium size, and though he is fifty-eight years of age, yet his eyes are undimmed by these years, and the enthusiasm of his soul for a lost world has not grown less. He is a man that has traveled the world over, and possesses a knowledge of the country and of people as few do. He has a great and glorious life behind him. As he stands before a congregation he impresses the people as having a message for them and as having confidence in his ability to deliver it. His dark, piercing eyes seem to penetrate to the very inmost thoughts of the listening audience, and the words that fall from his lips, on fire, as it were, with the enthusiasm of his own soul, fall like sledge-hammer blows upon those who hear."

The prohibition movement has even effected a lodgement in Shreveport, La., one of the very citadels of whiskey in the South, and the leading business men, supposed to be rabid in opposition to a "dry" town, are coming out in favor of the abolition of the saloons.

John D. Rockefeller has been long represented to the American people as a cold-blooded, cunning, scheming monster of selfishness and greed, piling up millions for which he had no use from the sheer lust of gold and power, and crushing without pity or remorse whoever or whatever presumed to oppose his plans. Doubtless he deserves much that has been said in criticism of his methods, and during all those years he was building up his giant Standard Oil monopoly he was by no means a model of a philanthropist; but at least he has one friend who paints him in angel hues and gives him his halo while he is yet in the flesh. A newspaper article now going the rounds says:

"So much is still being said against John D. Rockefeller in certain quarters that it is well for every American citizen to ponder the characterization of him recently made by one of his daughters, Mrs. Harold F. McCormick, of Chicago. Mrs. McCormick said: 'My father is a much persecuted man. It seems the more remarkable inasmuch as he is not an enemy to anybody in the world. He is one of the most genial, great-hearted men in this whole world. He lives in the clouds with his God rather than with worldly things. It is his greatest pleasure to promote happiness among those with whom he comes in contact.' In such filial affection as these utterances disclose, and in the constant devotion of all the members of his family, Mr. Rockefeller must find vast compensation for the bitter attacks made on him by outsiders."

A Call.

The members of the Republican Executive Committee for Suwannee County are hereby requested to meet in Live Oak December 24, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of calling a county convention to elect delegates to the State Convention at St. Augustine, February 6, 1908.

By order of:

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A Visit to Live Oak.
(Lakeland News.)

The editor of The News had occasion this week to visit the thriving little city of Live Oak, the largest place in point of population in interior Florida, and one of the most progressive. The state census of 1905 gave its population as 7,200, and the claim is now made that the 8,000 mark has been passed. Very few towns in the country have made greater and more substantial gains than this charming little capital of Suwannee.

The Court House, of white pressed brick, is a very handsome edifice, modern in architecture and graceful in appearance, costing complete \$12,000. The same material is used in the construction of the postoffice building, which was built by the citizens—an excellent way to get a "government building," without waiting a generation for it—and leased to Uncle Sam. A magnificent new hotel has just been completed, and was to have been opened this week. In architecture, arrangement and appointments it is surpassed by few in the State.

We visited the office of the Live Oak Democrat, of course, and had the pleasure of meeting "Old Man Dixon," as he is affectionately styled by his confreres of the press, and found him just the kindly, lovable man one would expect from a perusal of what is admittedly the best editorial page in the State—not even excepting our other favorite, the Tampa Times. Mr. Irvin, who is at the head of the Live Oak Publishing Co., is a Texan, and formerly a neighbor of our Dr. Bond, when both lived at Fort Worth. Mr. Gray, who looks after the business end of this splendid institution, is a graduate of South Florida Military Institute, and inquired affectionately concerning his old preceptor, Gen. Law.

The wisdom of a community concentrating its patronage on one worthy publication is evidenced in the case of The Democrat. After stowing away numerous competitors in its private graveyard, it is now in undisputed possession of the field, with the result that Live Oak has a daily

paper that is a credit to it and a splendid advertisement for the town, with a plant employing a number of men, making the institution one of industrial importance to the community.

At the Ethel hotel Sunday morning, as we sat down to quail on toast and other good things, we noted the presence of an ex-Governor and (maybe), a next Governor—Francis P. Fleming, and A. W. Gilchrist.

There are a number of Suwannee county people now residing in Lakeland and vicinity, and they're all mighty good people, too, who make us excellent citizens while still entertaining a loyal love for old Suwannee.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 9, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that Handy Johnson, of Houston, Fla., has filed notice of his intention to make final five-year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 31885, made November 14, 1902, for the southeast one-fourth of southeast one-fourth, Section 26, Township 2 south, Range 14 east, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk Circuit Court at Live Oak, Fla., on January 23, 1908.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: J. H. Croft, of Houston, Fla.; Dred Elliott, of Houston, Fla.; Benj. King, of Houston, Fla.; Stephen Ishmael, of Houston, Fla.

HENRY S. CHUBB,

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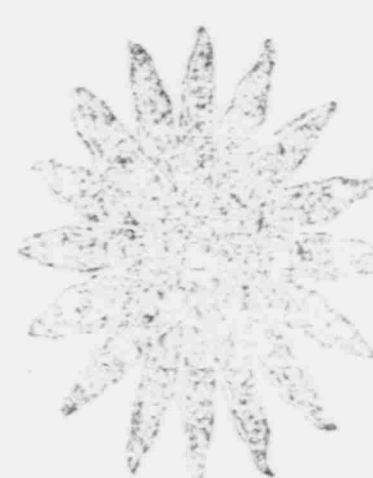
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